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VISUAL FIELD PROGRESSION IN PATIENTS WITH OPEN-ANGLE GLAUCOMA

1. Van de 103 onderzochte prognostische factoren voor gezichtsveldprogressie bij glaucoom, is van slechts 8 factoren overtuigend aangetoond dat zij echt prognostisch zijn. *(dit proefschrift)*
2. Bij slechts 48 van de 301 onderzochte methoden voor het meten van gezichtsveldprogressie bij glaucoom is onderzoek verricht naar de validiteit. *(dit proefschrift)*
3. Door gebruik te maken van leeftijd, oogdruk en mate van glaucomateuze gezichtsvelduitval, kan een alleszins redelijke prognose worden gemaakt van toekomstige gezichtsveldprogressie. *(dit proefschrift)*
4. De relatief hoge prevalentie van een ernstige visuele beperking bij glaucoompatiënten aan het einde van hun leven, wordt vooral veroorzaakt doordat deze patiënten zich pas presenteren als er al veel schade aan het gezichtsveld opgetreden is. *(dit proefschrift)*
5. Efficiënte glaucoomzorg vraagt vroegtijdige herkenning van patiënten die later visueel beperkt of blind zullen worden.
6. The prognosis of a patient with a given diagnosis forms the point of departure for all subsequent aspects of patient management. *(Diederick Grobbee & Arno Hoes)*
7. Too large and too highly significant effects may actually be more likely to be signs of large bias in most fields of modern research. *(John P.A. Ioannidis)*
8. De dynamiek van de markt is gericht op groei en de zorg is een wereld van oneindige behoeften. *(Hans Maarse)*
9. Medicine is not a science; physicians must act. *(Kathryn Montgomery)*
10. The outcome of one study is like a visual field: a small island of light in a sea of darkness. *(geïnspireerd op Harry M. Traquair)*

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